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INFORMATION REPORT

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1. The Nitra Airfield lies between the eastern edge of Nitra and the town of Tormos, which is located east of Nitra. The Zobor Mountain, 587 meters above sea level, is situated about five kilometers north of the city and the airfield.
2. In the north, the boundary of the airfield is formed by the Nitra River and a brook. In the south, there are open fields; this area is known as the Nitranska Luki. The land to the east of the field is gently rolling and wooded.
3. The Nitra railroad station, situated on the single-track line between Topolcany and Komarno, is about two kilometers southwest of the airfield.
4. The airfield is about 2,000 meters long from north to south and 1,000 meters wide. It is not fenced in and its surface is firm, dry, level sod on a clay base which absorbs surface water well. The field is not known to have a drainage system.
5. The field has a concrete runway 700 meters long and 50 meters wide, running northwest-southeast. There are also concrete aprons in front of the hangars.
6. The prevailing wind is from the northwest. The field is covered with snow for five or six weeks during the winter and ice also forms.
7. A fighter regiment is stationed on the airfield. [REDACTED] about 40 single-motor aircraft [REDACTED]
8. The fighter regiment has about 350 men, who are housed in the so-called airmen's barracks (Fliegerkaserne) in the city of Nitra and are carried to and from the field in eight or ten Tatra and Praga trucks. The barracks are situated about 350 meters northeast of the railroad station in a large three-story building and a small one-story building. There is also a garage and workshop.

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- 25X1 9. [redacted] the unit is subordinate to the Air Force district (Luftwaffenbezirk) with headquarters in Bratislava. A small fighter unit--about the size of a squadron--stationed at the airfield near Novy Zamky is allegedly subordinate to the regiment at Nitra.
10. On the main building (No. 5 on the annexed sketch), where the regimental commander and his staff are located, antennas, telephone lines and meteorological equipment were observed.
11. The fuel dump (No. 10 on the sketch) is underground, but there are also fuel containers standing in the open at that location.
12. The field is guarded at all times by members of the fighter regiment.

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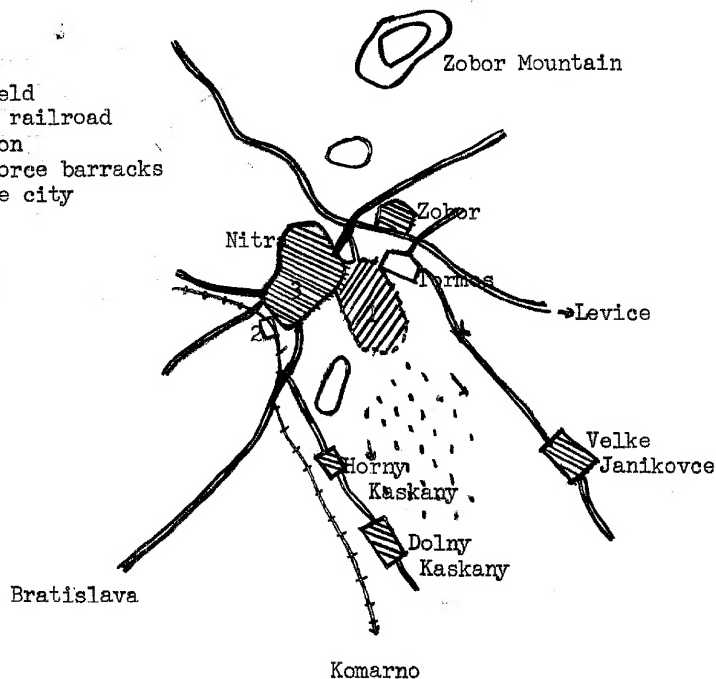
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Sketch (A)

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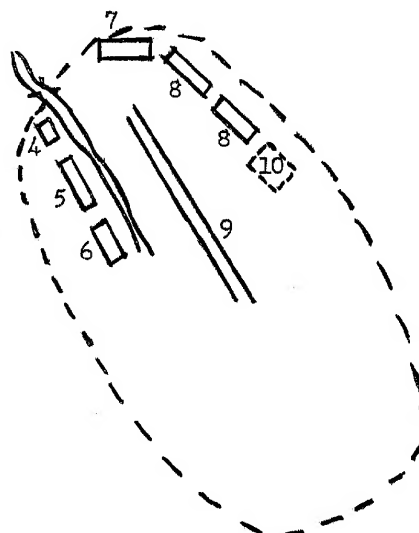
1. Airfield
2. Nitra railroad station
3. Air Force barracks in the city



Sketch (B)

Legend

4. Guard hut
5. Main building, with regimental staff and flight control
6. Garage
7. Workshops and assembly hall
8. Hangars, each about 25 by 70 meters in size, with corrugated roofs
9. Concrete runway
10. Fuel dump



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